

Placement Statistics for All Children in Alaska OCS Out-of-home placement on February 28, 2010.

Out-of-home placement is the last option considered when reasonable efforts to protect a child in his or her own home have been exhausted by OCS. The first preference considered in all out-of-home placements for a child or youth is a relative's home. When it is not possible to place a child with a relative it is necessary to place the child in a licensed foster home. Residential care facilities may offer short-term emergency shelter as well as more long-term residential treatment.

Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on February 28, 2010, by Region.

	Anchorage	Northern	South Central	Southeast	Statewide
Count	761	348	738	192	2,039
Mean Age	7.0	7.4	8.6	8.7	7.8
Median Age	6.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	7.0
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1
Maximum Placements	35	30	29	25	35
Mean Placements	4.3	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.1
Median Placements	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Minimum Time in Care	2	2	0	16	0
Maximum Time in Care	4,992	4,454	5,383	4,596	5,383
Mean Time in Care	747.3	597.8	722.6	725.7	710.8
Median Time in Care	524.0	415.0	522.0	591.0	517.0

Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on February 28, 2010, by Race.

	Native ¹	White ²	Other ³	Und.	Statewide	
Count	1,277	538	154	70	2,039	¹ Native is any mention of Alaska Native or American Indian.
Mean Age	7.8	8.2	7.3	5.6	7.8	
Median Age	7.0	7.0	5.5	4.0	7.0	² White is White only, excluding all other races.
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1	
Maximum Placements	30	29	35	16	35	³ Other includes any mention of Asian, Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander, or Black/ African American.
Mean Placements	4.3	3.9	3.8	2.4	4.1	
Median Placements	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	
Minimum Time in Care	0	11	6	2	0	
Maximum Time in Care	5,383	4,280	4,992	1,976	5,383	
Mean Time in Care	712.8	758.5	710.2	309.1	710.8	
Median Time in Care	537.0	530.0	415.0	176.0	517.0	

Mean is the arithmetic mean average, commonly referred to as the 'average'.

Median is the median average, containing the middle value. Half of the observations are less than this value, and half of the observations are greater than this value.

Placements are the number of times children in OCS Out of Home placement have changed homes.

Time in Care is measured in days.

Data Source: ORCA. Program used to tabulate statistics: monthly_ooh_web.sas.

Data in this report is as of March 5, 2010. Subsequent reports with the same date parameter will contain up-dated statistics.

If you have any questions regarding this data please forward your inquiry to ocs@alaska.gov.